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Photo by SrA Chrissy Szczepanski

U.S. and Egypt exercise fire rescue skills

Firefighters from the 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron pull out an Egyptian pilot from an F-4 aircraft Saturday. The joint forces egress exercise faced the 75th ECES and Egyptian firefighters against a simulated F-4 blaze. U.S. firefighters trained Egyptian firefighters on egress and aircraft fire rescue procedures.

Ready for anything

By Col. J.C. Dodson
Commander, 75th AEG

"Ready for anything." This short phrase sums up what our attitude must be for the rest of our deployment. Our posture here has returned to a higher force protection condition as a result of the coalition counterstrikes that occurred yesterday in Afghanistan.

Our top priority is the safety of each Team Qui Web member. The recent force protection condition change represents our most effective measure to maintain the current operations tempo and ensure everyone is in position to optimize self-protection. We have one of the best teams of professionals in the Air Force working around the clock to

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Briefs

Team Qui Web welcomes Brig. Gen. Curt Bedke, Coalition Forces Air Component Commander and Commander, 9 ASETF-B; and Col. Scott Cain, Deputy Commander, 9 ASETF-B.

Commander's Kudos

Congratulations to the people who received a commander's coin this week for outstanding performance.

MSgt. **John Eudy**, 283rd Combat Communications Squadron.

SrA. **Gerrick Preston**, 283rd CCS.

SrA. **Matthew Parks**, 75th Expeditionary Communications Squadron.

SrA. **Rodney Edmond**, 75th ECS

SrA. **Christine Szczepanski**, 75th ECS.

Qui Web Award Winners

Congratulations to the Team Qui Web weekly award winners.

Airman: A1C **John Lane**, 75th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron.

Non-commissioned officer: SSgt. **John Storms**, 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

Senior non-commissioned officer: MSgt. **David Montano**, 822nd ESFS.

Company grade officer: 1st Lt. **Mark Nauman**, 75th Expeditionary Medical Squadron.

Promotions

Congratulations to the Qui Web members who were promoted October 1st.

Maj. Harry Lane, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force.

TSgt. Raymond Thompson, 75th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron.

MSgt. Barbara Pritchard, 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron.

SSgt. Joshua Schultz, 75th ECES

SSgt. Yvonne Rebollosa, 75th ESS.

SSgt. Penni Teague, 75th ESFS.

SSgt. Charles McQueen, 75th ESFS.

SSgt. Rick Dickey, 75th ESFS.

SrA. Monte Wright, 75th ECS.

OPSEC: Critical every day, everywhere

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFP) — Operations security, or OPSEC, is a key component of antiterrorism and force protection. It helps protect service members, civilian employees, families, facilities and equipment everywhere by denying information.

Good OPSEC practices are important, especially now in light of the recent terrorist attacks on the United States, said Capt. Jim Williamson, OPSEC program manager for U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

Antiterrorism relies heavily on OPSEC, according to Air Force Instruction 10-1101, Operations Security. When people identify and protect critical information (military operations, capabilities, limitations, intentions, personnel, programs), OPSEC becomes a proactive means by which adversaries are denied this important advantage, Williamson said.

"Even if you're not part of operations, OPSEC still applies to you," he said. "We all possess critical information the adversary wants."

When pieced together, strings of unclassified information can reveal details about sensitive and classified operations. It is important to note that OPSEC is not a security clas-

sification program, but is a program that makes every effort to protect unclassified information. It provides a method to identify and then protect critical information that foreign intelligence systems could exploit, said Col. Naomi Manadier, vice commander Air National Guard Readiness Center.

References to this information are maintained on a critical information list, commonly known as a CIL, Williamson said. The list should be kept handy, like by the telephone, for convenient reference. Unit OPSEC managers are responsible for tailoring the CIL to their particular work areas and distributing it throughout their units.

"If a person needs to discuss critical information, they should use a secure telephone — remembering appropriate security clearance does not constitute a need to know," he said.

Government telephones are subject to monitoring at all times.

People should be careful of what they throw in the trash, said Williamson. Cell phones, while extremely convenient, are one of the easiest means of communications to monitor, he said. No critical information should be discussed over a cell phone.

People should also be careful when talking to family members about topics that could be of interest to someone collecting information, he said. General information about daily activities could be important pieces to a larger puzzle.

"It's everyone's job to protect their piece of the puzzle," he said.

OPSEC also focuses on observable actions. According to Williamson, an adversary creates a profile by simply observing people's daily activities.

People increase the value of that profile to the adversary if they are predictable with their actions, he said. The observable action (or indicator) becomes yet another piece of the overall information puzzle.

If the adversary observes the same action carried out in the same way at the same time, then they can easily identify not only routine activities, but deviations as well, he said.

"OPSEC is important both on and off duty. We're all very proud of the work we do, but the particulars are not for everyone's ears," he said. "The adversary is real, he's listening, and he wants to know what you know."

(Compiled by Qui Web Public Affairs)

Critical Information listing available

The following is a sample listing — not all items are listed. A complete list of critical information items are referenced in AF Policy Directive 10-11 and AF Instruction 10-1101, *Operations Security* for guidance on identifying elements within the divisions of critical information

Command and control

- Special commander's conferences, meetings, etc.

Communications

- Call signs associated with unit or unit type
- Specialized and unique communications equipment
- Increases and decreases in communications traffic

Security

- Effectiveness of threat actions: Instructions to change standard procedures

Planning

- The inability of any unit to meet a contingency assignment because of decreased capability in functions such as logistics, communications, personnel, aircraft, munitions, or augmentation
- Participating organizations: Telephone calls between units, deployed phone list

- Vulnerabilities, shortfalls, limitations, restrictions: SITREPs, Mission Needs Statements, FCIF, and weapon systems roadmap

Intelligence

- Interest in a specific geographical location

Capabilities and limitations

- Personnel shortages and training deficiencies

Exercises

- Association or correlation of exercise plans with real world contingency plans
- Serious vulnerabilities or limitations found during exercise activities that reflect a decreased capability to meet a real world contingency

Operations

- Flying schedule to include after the fact
- Abrupt changes or cancellations of schedules
- Increased telephone calls, conferences, and longer working hours (including normal days off such as weekends and holidays)

Maintenance and logistics

- Transportation requirements / arrangements / movements

Aircrews relate thoughts, experiences of air strikes

10/08/01 - WASHINGTON — Air Force aircrews shared their thoughts and experiences about their Oct. 7 missions against al Qaeda and Taliban targets.

"We certainly don't look forward to (these kinds of missions) but we are well-equipped to handle (them)," said "Woodstock," the lead B-52 Stratofortress pilot. "This is what America's citizens expect us to be able to do and in peace time we (constantly) prepare for these eventualities," he said.

"Doc," the lead B-52's radar operator, agreed. "We all train to a higher standard so we aren't unprepared (for actual operations)," he said.

"Woodstock" was thankful for the training he received during his career. his allowed him to concentrate on the mis-

sion and the safety of his crewmates.

"My crews didn't encounter any threat that we weren't prepared to deal with," he said, attributing their success to training.

"Everyone (feels nervous before a mission), but the purpose and mission overrides that (nervousness)," said "Vinnie," the lead B-1B Lancer's offensive systems officer.

"(We were) honored to act in the service of (our) country to extend freedom for all people," he said, echoing the sentiments of everyone involved in the operation.

"Stinky," a tanker aircraft commander, felt even more proud to be an American, a member of the military and a part of this war against terrorism, after listening

to a portion of the president's speech announcing that military operations were underway.

"It doesn't matter whether or not you're from the Manhattan or Washington D.C. area, we're Americans and we're all in this together," said "Doc," recalling the comments of one crew chief that helped launch his bomber.

The aircrew members all agreed that they missed their loved ones very much but were proud of what they had been called upon to do.

The Air Force operations being carried out against Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization, al Qaeda, and the Taliban involve men and women from active-duty, Guard and Reserve units.

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implement a clear game plan. This game plan readies us for any contingency or emergency that may arise. We must continue to stay focused on our mission— sustaining the base in support of BRIGHT STAR; optimizing safe and effective flying operations; and being prepared to support any other contingency that is required of us. At the same time, we need to maintain our highest levels of situational awareness. Not only for our surroundings and day-to-day activities, but also for each other's health and well-being. We have all been working hard as a team, but we also need to focus on the individual – to watch each other for any changes in behavior or attitude.

I cannot stress enough the importance of taking care of ourselves as well as our fellow warriors. Although our

workload is tremendous, we must know when to pause and attend to our personal needs—spiritual, emotional and physical. We cannot sustain excellence in all we do unless we take the required time to rejuvenate. This is particularly important when we experience the additional physical and emotional stresses associated with our increased defensive postures. We previously performed in this higher level of alert during and after the terrorist strikes of Sept. 11 for an extended time. With that experience, we proved that we could meet our mission requirements and still maintain the vigilance required to assure our safety.

We have excelled at every challenge thrown our way. Let's continue this path of success and keep our sights set on our goals ahead, regardless of any hurdles placed before us by our adversaries that dictate increased defensive postures. My confidence in each of you is unwavering – I know we will shine!

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Coalition gathers for cultural dinner

By 1st Lt. Jessica Joyner
75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group

I had the wonderful opportunity to partake in an evening meal with our host nation key personnel Thursday night. The experience was so moving for me that I awoke at 4:30 a.m. with a strong desire to express my gratitude. Over dinner the true meaning of "One Mission, One Coalition" came to me. I pondered at the irony of breaking bread with, not only the Egyptian senior leadership, but also with key members of the Italian and French Air Forces. In total there were 40 to 50 people present, myself being the only female.

As we entered the meeting place we were received with open arms — the warmth of the Egyptian people was unlike anything I had ever experienced. Of course, we went through the formalities of rendering salutes and proper respect, yet there was an informal "family" presence from

the very start.

Just prior to the meal I learned that the commander of Cairo West Air Base, Maj. Gen. Ramzy, and his elite E-2 flying squadron were receiving us. The admiration and respect for the general was rendered by all in a very deliberate manner. There was no question of his status and authority, yet he approached his guests in a most humble way.

Being the only female, it was very interesting to witness the interaction between the Egyptians and myself. I always felt extremely welcomed during the entire experience. There was no question the Egyptians were very comfortable with me, yet they always waited for my first response. They would only extend their hand after I extended mine to shake to ensure they would not offend me. After the salutes and hand shaking we all sat as a group for beverages and friendly discussion.

A short time later we were escorted into the eating area by Maj. Gen. Ramzy and his key staff. We all filed into one

room. There were just enough chairs for everyone; it was evident that the evening was well planned. The dinner table was shaped in the form of a large "U," with about 10 inches between seats. This arrangement fits perfectly with the Egyptian custom of close personal interaction and warm expressions.

The front end of the eating table was reserved for key staff members to include Maj. Gen. Ramzy (Egyptian Air Force), Brig. Gen. Curtis Bedke (USAF), Col. Jeffrey Dodson (USAF), Col. Scott Cain (Air National Guard) and many more. I had the honor of dining in close proximity with two Egyptian E-2 pilots, who were extremely gracious. It was very important to them that I learn not only of their types of food, but also their way of life. They taught me the types of foods, how each food is prepared and the time of day for eating each type of food.

The pilots I sat with shared many personal stories about their families with me. Both had a wife and children and it was obvious they are great pro-

viders for their families. They explained to me that children are expensive to maintain and provide for; so they plan the number of children according to their income.

After a great meal and wonderful conversation Maj. Gen. Ramzy stood, prompting everyone else to stand and exit. We sat outside again, this time for hot tea or coffee and closing conversations. I spoke with Lt. Col. Sekii (Egyptian Air Force), an E-2 instructor pilot. He told me about his family and where he lives. He explained to me that often times it is tough not being able to see his family as much as he would like. My response to him was, "you took the words right out of my mouth." He and I laughed together. How comforting it is to know that around the world there are many common threads, which tie us together. As humans we all share a strong sense of honor — for our country, our God and our families. This common belief brings forth the meaning of "One Mission, One Coalition."

Focusing on visitation, Team Chapel on the move

By TSgt Stephen L. Peterson
Chaplain Assistant
75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group

It's late, you're tired, and looking forward to the end of your shift when you notice someone headed your way. Who could this possibly be at this late hour? As he approaches, you notice a man with a smile on his face and wearing a cross on his hat. Instantly you recognize him as the Chaplain. This is a common occurrence not only here at Qui Web, but throughout our Air Force. It was during the Persian Gulf War that the role of the Chaplain and Chaplain Assistant underwent some drastic changes. Heavy emphasis was placed on readiness training and on site visitation. Today, it's not uncommon at all to see Chaplain Service teams deploying with their units. You'll see chaplains and chaplain assistants not only in the chapel, but out visiting people at locations throughout the area at various times of the day and night. It's at these locations where various needs are being met on a daily basis. Here at

Qui Web, much more time is focused on visitation ministry, which helps the chaplain learn firsthand the trials, tragedies, needs, stresses, aspirations, wants and goals of deployed personnel. Whatever the need, big or small, feel free to address it with the Chaplain or contact a Chaplain Assistant to schedule an appointment.

Here at Qui Web, the chapel staff offers eight worship services on the weekend as well as two Bible studies during the week. We've scheduled the worship services at various times of the day so that everyone has the opportunity to attend. You'll see schedules located throughout the area as well as the "Chapel Thought of the Day" posted outside of the dining facility daily. We've taken all of your input and developed an aggressive visitation, worship and Bible study schedule to meet your needs. If you have any other ministry ideas, please let us know.

As you can see, we're here for you. The chaplains are trained, equipped, and excited to minister to your needs, day or night. So, while we're away from the things that seem to speed our lives up, take the time now to reflect on the past, look to the future, and become more spiritually fit today.





2001 NFL FOOTBALL Headquarters

Week four

Carolina Panthers	14	Dallas Cowboys	21
San Francisco 49ers	24	Oakland Raiders	28
Jacksonville Jaguars	15	Green Bay Packers	10
Seattle Seahawks	24	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	14
San Diego Chargers	16	Cincinnati Bengals	7
Cleveland Browns	20	Pittsburgh Steelers	16
Kansas City Chiefs	6	Arizona Cardinals	21
Denver Broncos	20	Philadelphia Eagles	20
Chicago Bears	31	Minnesota Vikings	15
Atlanta Falcons	3	New Orleans Saints	28
New England Patriots	10	Tennessee Titans	7
Miami Dolphins	30	Baltimore Ravens	26
Washington Redskins	9	New York Jets	42
New York Giants	23	Buffalo Bills	36

Top 25

College Football As of Monday

Virginia	21	Baylor	10
Maryland (22)	41	Texas A&M (25)	16
Troy St.	6	Florida (1)	44
Miami Fl. (2)	38	LSU	15
Viginia Tech (6)	35	USC	24
West Virginia	0	Washington (10)	27
Georgia (19)	26	Oklahoma (3)	14
Tennessee (13)	24	Texas (11)	3
Iowa	14	Michigan (12)	20
Purdue (17)	23	Penn St.	0
Colorado (20)	16	Iowa St.	14
Kansas St. (24)	6	Nebraska (4)	48
Georgia Tech. (15)	37	Northwestern	20
Duke	10	Ohio St. (21)	38
Kentucky	6	Oregon (5)	63
South Carolina (9)	42	Arizona	28
		Utah St.	34
		BYU	54

Taking care of the mission means taking care of yourself

Drink plenty of water — Carrying around extra weight and dressing with heavier clothing can cause increased perspiration. People should constantly drink water throughout the day with a minimum of three bottles of water. If a person's urine is not clear, they're not drinking enough water.

Stay clean — although maintaining personal hygiene may be more difficult because of the increased personal protection requirements, people should shower at least once a day. Males should maintain a clean-shaven face and females should keep their hair pulled back off their faces and pulled low to the nape so they can get a good seal on their gas mask.

Eat balanced meals — people should

eat at least three meals a day or eat smaller meals throughout the day to keep their energy level high.

Sick call — If someone feels undue stress on the body or illness, they should visit

the medical clinic.

People are encouraged to be evaluated early before their condition worsens. The clinic is open 24-hours-a-day and they can be reached at 428-5710.

Back home: Weather highlights

Boston, MA	58	
Cape Hatteras, NC	68	
Casper, WY	39	
Dallas, TX	75	
Salt Lake City, UT	72	
Savannah, GA	74	
Tucson, AZ	78	
Yazoo City, MS	77	

All weather temperatures reported in degrees Fahrenheit

Jamaica was buffeted by 75 knot winds from Hurricane Iris Sunday. In an unfortunate stroke of bad luck, a second storm, Hurricane Jerry, is forecast to hit Jamaica on Thursday.

Like Iris, Jerry is only expected to be a Category 1 hurricane when it hits.

Iris is forecast to move into the Yucatan Peninsula and weaken considerably. Jerry is currently a tropical storm in the eastern Caribbean. Neither storm is an immediate threat to the Continental United States.

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9-1 Dining Facility Menu

Monday – Dinner: Beef Strip, rice and corn

Tuesday – Breakfast: Variety of previous meals. Dinner: Ham, mixed vegetables and pork n' beans

Wednesday – Breakfast: Sausage and western omelet. Dinner: Chili, rice, corn.

Thursday – Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and creamed beef. Dinner: Chicken breast, mashed potatoes and peas.

Friday – Breakfast: Sliced ham, eggs and potatoes. Dinner: Lasagna and green beans.

Saturday – Breakfast: Eggs, pork sausage and waffles with blueberry. Dinner: Turkey with stuffing, sweet potatoes and mixed vegetables.

Sunday – Breakfast: Creamed beef, omelet and potatoes. Dinner: Pork ribs, rice with beans and corn.

Note: Menu subject to change.

Meal portion rage

An increased number of people have colorfully voiced their disapproval of the dining facility meal portions. The 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron follows Air Force Instructions that dictate the size of food portions allocated for each service member.

Worship Services

Fri. 8 p.m. – Catholic Mass

Sat. 6 p.m. – Catholic Mass

Sun. 8 a.m. – Gospel Service

Sun. 11 a.m. – Catholic Mass

Sun. 1 p.m. – Church of Latter Day Saints

Sun. 3 p.m. – Protestant Service

Sun. 5 p.m. – Gospel Service

Sun. 8 p.m. – Gospel Service

Bible Studies

Mon. 7:30 to 9 p.m. – Christianity/Islam Comparative Bible Study

Wed. 7:30 to 9 p.m. – Egypt in the Bible

“Culture Clips on Egypt”

* Hatshepsut, daughter of Tuthmosis I, was well known as one of Egypt's few female Pharaohs. During her reign from 1473-1458 B.C. she wore a fake beard and donned male clothes!

* Salah ad-Din (known to the Crusaders and later the West as Saladin) was over-

lord of Cairo and built the Citadel (beginning in 1176 A.D.) to fortify the city against the Crusaders rampaging in Palestine. Today the Citadel contains mostly museums and mosques.

* Napoleon Bonaparte invaded Egypt in 1798. The diminutive French leader established a French-style government, revamped the tax system, did public works projects, introduced new crops, and used

a new system of weights and measures. Admiral Nelson destroyed the French fleet off of Alexandria, so Napoleon departed by 1801. Yet the French helped the rest of the world “rediscover” the history of ancient Egypt with a 24-volume *Description de l’Egypte*. It's still in print today, although slimmed down to one volume.

(Source: *Lonely Planet's “Egypt,” 5th edition, 1999*)

Community Activities Center News

All events are tentatively scheduled.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament - Sat. 2 p.m.

Toastmasters speech contest -- Sat. at 5 p.m. Contact MSgt. David Vassar for more information.

Scavenger Hunt - six person teams - Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. Teams must sign up by Oct. 16.

Spades tourney - Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.

Dominos tournament - Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

All of the community activities center events will be at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation revettement.

Aerobic classes

Body Sculpting: Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30 p.m.

Step aerobics: Tues. and Thurs. 6 a.m.

Step aerobics: Sun. 5 p.m.

Classes will be held at the MWR revettement. Participants should bring a large towel to the sculpting class.

Legal claims for lost, damaged property

Military personnel assigned who have damaged or lost personal property should contact the 75th Air Expeditionary Group Legal Office for more information concerning the required paperwork and documentation. Contact SSgt. Donese Scott at 428-5735 or by email at: donese.scott@75aew.deployed.af.mil.

Commander's Call -- Thursday 8 p.m. in the MWR Revetment